

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 424

Short Title: Forest Firefighter Benefits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Redwine; and Warner.

Referred to: Public Employees.

March 2, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR
2 SEASONAL FIREFIGHTERS IN THE DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES,
3 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY
4 DEVELOPMENT.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 126-5(c4) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c4) The State Personnel Commission shall establish a position and appointment
9 type for certain field force positions and employees in the Division of Highways,
10 Department of Transportation, where, in the judgement of the Commission, such
11 appointment is for a position that is an entry level occupation, is for a duration of at
12 least one-half of the workdays of each pay period for at least nine calendar months per
13 year, and is reflective of employment practices in competing labor markets. This
14 appointment type shall be for 'permanent hourly employees.' Except as to the policies,
15 rules, and plans established by the Commission pursuant to G.S. 126-4(1), 126-4(2), and
16 126-4(3), and except as to the provisions of Articles 6 and 7 of this Chapter, the
17 provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to permanent hourly employees. The State
18 Personnel Commission regulations shall provide that these employees will be
19 guaranteed two hours show-up pay when work is postponed, and pay for holidays
20 falling within periods of employment.

21 The State Personnel Commission shall include within the permanent employee
22 position and appointment type provided by this subsection seasonal field force positions
23 and employees in the Division of Forest Resources, Department of Natural Resources
24 and Community Development, involved in the prevention, detection, and suppression of

1 forest fires where the Commission finds that the appointment is for a duration of at least
2 one-half of the workdays of each pay period for at least six calendar months per year."

3 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
4 Natural Resources and Community Development the sum of seventy-five thousand
5 dollars (\$75,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thousand
6 dollars (\$100,000) for the 1990-91 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

7 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989.